

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for sharing digital literary works while protecting against an illegal reproduction through a communication network, comprising:
- a data communication network;
 - a list providing server for providing list information of a Sharing Web;
 - at least one agent server for forming the Sharing Web between users through the data communication network and mediating a data communication through the Sharing Web;
 - at least one user terminal for transmitting and receiving a digital literary work through the Sharing Web;
 - a main server for accessing a Sharing Web listed in the list information provided from the list providing server through the data communication network, searching for the digital literary work shared through the Sharing Web according to a predetermined search condition, determining whether or not the searched digital literary work has an identifier, deciding a digital literary work to be shared among the digital literary works, which are inputted by a supervisor and have a identifier, according to the determination result and literary work information requiring the protection, inputted by the supervisor, and generating accessing information of the Sharing Web;

at least one sub-server for receiving information of the digital literary work decided to be shared and the accessing information of the Sharing Web from the main server, connected to the agent server depending on the accessing information, 5 and allowing a sharing of the digital literary work decided to be shared;

a premise communication network for connecting the main server and the sub-server to each other; and

a network interface unit for connecting the premise 10 communication network to the data communication network.

2. The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sub-server reads a corresponding digital literary work from the main server whenever receiving a file transmission request for 15 the shared digital literary work from the user terminal connected to the sub-server via the Sharing Web, and transmits said read digital literary work to the user terminal.

3. The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sub- 20 server pre-reads the digital literary work decided to be shared from the main server and stores it, and transmits the stored digital literary work to the user terminal when receiving a file transmission request from the user terminal connected to the sub-server via the Sharing Web.

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4. The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the digital literary work having the identifier is an advertising digital literary work formally produced and distributed for publicity by a writer, a production and distribution company
5 of the literary work, or a server managing company.

5. The system as set forth in claims 1, wherein the digital literary work having the identifier is a digital literary work edited with a reduction in its quality to a
10 level lower than that of an original digital literary work.

6. The system as set forth in claims 1, wherein the digital literary work having the identifier is a digital literary work encrypted with a predetermined encryption key.
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7. A method of sharing digital literary works while protecting against an illegal reproduction through a communication network, comprising the steps of:

a)inputting and storing literary work information
20 requiring the protection of its copyright and a digital literary work having an identifier in a main server by a supervisor;

b)connecting said main server to an agent server mediating a Sharing Web by the main server, and searching for
25 a digital literary work shared through the Sharing Web